



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
FINAL DETERMINATION OF  
NON-SIGNIFICANCE**  
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State of Washington  
**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

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**Name of Proposal:** RECLASSIFICATION OF THE BALD EAGLE FROM STATE  
THREATENED TO STATE SENSITIVE SPECIES (PROTECTED  
WILDLIFE) (WAC 232.12.011)

**Description of Proposal:** The Department of Fish and Wildlife is evaluating the bald eagle for possible listing as a state sensitive species, amending WAC 232.12.011. WAC 232.12.011 identifies sensitive species in Washington which are in need of special management consideration to keep them from becoming threatened or endangered. This is a change from the state threatened status as bald eagles are now listed. The draft report and listing recommendation were made available to the public for a 90-day review period June 1- September 4, 2001. Three public meetings were held during the review period in Olympia (August 7, 2001), Yakima (August 8, 2001) and Mill Creek (August 14, 2001).

The final status report are available at our the Department of Fish and Wildlife's headquarters, (360) 902-2534, and regional offices, and libraries throughout the state. Locations to obtain copies, and electronic copies of the final status report may be obtained online at the address <http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/wlm/diversty/soc/status/baldeagle/>

**Proponent:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife Program, 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, Washington 98501-1091. Contact: Endangered Species Section Manager

**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Statewide, but primarily along marine shorelines in western Washington.

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for **31 days** from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **November 22, 2001,**

**Responsible Official:** Peter Birch

**Position/Title:** Environmental Services Division Manager

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**DATE OF ISSUE:** October 22, 2001 **SIGNATURE:**  for Peter Birch

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